DEPARTURE OF TRAINS

The Intelligencer.

The Great Beef Contract.

BY MARK TWAIN In as few words as possible I wish to lay before the nation what share, howev er small, I had in this matter-this mat ter which has so greatly exercised the public mind, engendered so much ill-feeling, and so filled the papers of both continents with distorted statements and ex-

travagant comments.

The origin of this distressful thing was this—and I assert here that every fact in the following resume can be amply proved by the official records of the General Government. John Wilson McKenzie, of Rotterdam

John Wilson McKenzie, of Rotterusa. Chemung county, New Jersey, deceased, contracted with the General Government on or about the 10th day of October, 1861, to furnish General Sherman the sum total of thirty barrels of beef.

He started after Sherman with the beef, but when he got to Washington Sherman had gone to Manassa; so he took the beef and followed him there, but arrived too late; he followed him to Nashville, and from Nashville to Chattanooga, and from Chattanooga to Atlanta—but he never could overtake him. At Atlanta he took a fresh start, and followed him clear through his march to the sea. He arrived too late again by a few divys; but, hearing that Sherman was going out in the Quaker City excursion to the Holy Land, he took shipping for Berrut, calculating to head off the other vessel. When he arrived at Jerusalem with his beef, he learned that Sherman had not sailed in learned that Sherman had not sailed in Quaker City, but had gone to the plaina to fight the Indians. He returned to America and started for the Rocky Mountains. After sixty-eight days of arduous travel on the plains, and when he had got within four miles of Sherman's headquarters, he was tomahswhed and scalped, and the Indians got the beet. They got all of it but, one barrel. Bherman's army captured that, and so even to death the bold navigator partly fulfilled his contract. In his will, which he kept like a journal, he bequeathed the contract to his son Bartholomew W. Bartholo-mew W. made out the following bill, and

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In account with John Wilson MacReselfs, of New Jersey, decased. Dr.

To thirty barrels of beef for Gen. Baerman, at \$100. \$\$\$\$.\$3,000

To traveling expenses and transportation. \$14,00

He died then; but he left the contract He died then but he left the contract to Wm. J. Martin, who tried to collect it, but he died before he got through. He left it to Barker J. Allen, and he tried to collect it also. He did not survive. Barker J. Allen left it to Anson B. Hogers, who attempted to collect it, and got as far along as the Ninth Auditor's Office, when death, the great leveler, came all usaummoned, and foreclosed on him also. He left the bill to a relatively connectiunsummoned, and foreclosed on him also.
He left the bill to a relative in Connecticut, Vengeance Hopkins by name, who lasted four weeks and two days, and made the best time on record, coming within one of reaching the Twelfth Auditor. In his will he gave the contract bill to his uncle, by the name of O-be-Joyful Johnson. He was too undermining for Joyful. His last words were, "Weep not for me—I am willing to go." And so he was, poor soul. Seven people inherit-ed the contract after that; but they all died. So it came into my hands at last, it fell to me through a relative by the name of Hubbard—Bethelem Hubbard, of Indiana. He had an old gradge sgainst me for a long time; but in his last mo-

ments he sent for me, and forgave every-thing, and, weeping, gave me the beef This ends the history up to the time that I succeeded to the property. I will now endeavor to set myself straight before the nation in everything that concerns my share in the matter. I took this beef contract and the bill for milesge and transportation to the President of the United States.

He said, "Well, sir, what I can I do for ou?"
I said, "Bire, on or about the 10th day
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the stopped me there, and dismissed me from his presence-kindly but firmly. The next day I called on the Secretary of State,
He said, "Well, sir?"
I said, "Your Royal Highness: On or about the 10th of October, 1861, John Wilson Mackenzie, of Rotterdam, Chemung court, New Larger (Secretal Conmung county, New Jersey, deceased, con-tracted with the Government to furnish General Sherman the sum of thirty bar-

That will do sir-that will do, this I was bowed out. I thought the matter

all over, and finally, on the following day, I visited the Secretary of the Navy, who said, "Speak quickly, sir; do not keep me

waiting."

I said, "Your Royal Highness: On or about the 10th day of October, 1861, John Wilson Mackenzie, of Rotterdam, Chemung county, New Jersey, deccased, contracted with the General Government to turnish General Sherman the sum total of thirty barrels of best—"
Well, it was as far as I could get. He

weil it was as lar as I could got had nothing to do with beef contracts for General Sherman either. I began to think it was a curious kind of Government. It looked somewhat as if they wanted to get out of paying for the beef. The following day I went to the Secretary of the Interior.

I said: "Your august Excellency, on or about—"

"Perdition! have you got here with your incendiary beef contract, at last? We have nothing to do with beef contracts for the army my dear sir."

"Oh, that is yery well—but somebody has got to pay for that beef. It has got to be paid now too or I'll confiscate this old Patent Office and everything in it."

"But, my dear sir—"

"It don't make any difference, sir. The Patent Office is liable for that beef if feek, on; and liable or per liable, the Patent Office has got to pay for it."

Never mind the details. It ended in a fight. The Patent Office won. But I found out something to my advantage. I was told that the Treasury Department was the place for me to go. I went there. I waited two hours and a half, and then I was admitted to the first lord if the Treasury.

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"That is sufficient, air. I have heard of you. Go to the First Auditor of the Treasury."

I did so. He sent me to the Second Auditor. The Second Auditor sent me to the First Comptroller of the Corn-Reef Division. This begun to look like busi, ness, He examined his books and all this loose papers, but with no success. I was encouraged. During that week I got so far as the Sixth Comptroller in that division; the next week I got so far as the Sixth Comptroller in that division; the next week I got through the Claims Department; the third week I be gan and completed the Mislaid Contracts Department and gots a foothold in the Dead Reckoning Department. I finished that in three days. There was only one place left for ir now. I faid siege to the Commissioner of Odds and Edgs. To his clerk, rather—he was not there him self. There were seven well is avored clerks showing them how. The young women smilled up over their shoulders, and the clerks smilled back at them, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Two or three clerks that were reading the newspapers.

showing them how. The young women a miled up over their shoulders, and the clerks amiled back at them, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Two or three clerks amiled back at them, and all went clerks that years reading the newspapers llooked at me rather hard, and went on reading, and nubboly said anything. How ever, I had been used to this kind of alacrity from fourtit assistant juntor clerks all through my eventful career, from the very day I entered the first office of the Corn-Beef Bureau clear till I passed out of the last one in the Dead Reckoning Division. That got so accomplished by this time that I could stand on one foot from the moment I entered the office till a clerk spoke to me, without changing more than two, maybe three, times. So I stoot there till I had changed four different times. Then I said to one of the clerks who was reading:

"What do you mean, sir? whom do you mean? If, you mean the Chief of the Bureau, he is out."

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The young man gazed upon me for a while, and then went on reading his paper. But I knew the ways fof those clerks. I knew I was said if he got through before another New York mail arrived. He had only two more papers.

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clerks. I knew I was safe it he got through before another New York mail arrived. He had only two more paper, left. After a while he finished them, and then he asked me what I wanted.

"Renowned and honored Imbecile: Or a short..."

or about—"
"You are the beef contract man. Giv

me your papers."

He took them, and for a long time he ransacked his odds and ends. Finally he found the northwest passage as I regard ed it—he found the long-lost record o that beef contract—he found the rock that beer contract—he found the rock upon which so many of my successors had split before they ever got to it. "I was deeply moved." And yet I rejoiced—for I had survived. I said with emotion "Give it to me. The Government will settle now." He waved me back, and said there was something yet to be done for the said there was something yet.

irst.
"Where is this John Wilson Macket

"Dead." "He didn't die at all—he was killed."
"How?"
"Tomahawked."

"You make wheed him?"

"Who to make wheed him?"

"Why, an Indian, of course. You did not not suppose it was a superintendent of a Sundy school, did you?"

"No. An Indian, was it?"

"The same."
"Name of the Indian?"
"His name? I don't know his name.
"Must have his name. Who saw th

"Then how do you know that Mackenzie is dead ?"

zie is dead?"
"Because he certainly died at the time, and I have every reason to believe that he has been dead ever since. I know he has, in fact."
"We area there are the second of the We must have proofs. Have you got

the Indian ?"

"We must have proofs. Have you got the Indian?"

"Of course not."

"Well, you must get him. Have you got the tomahawk!"

"I never thought of such a thing."

"You must get the tomahawk. You must produce the Indian and the tomahawk. If Mackenzle's death can be proven by these, you can then go before the commission appointed to audit claims with some show of getting your bill under headway that your children may possibly live to receive the money and enjoy it. But that man's death must be proven. However, I, may as well tell you that the Government will never pay the transportation and those traveling expenses of the lamented Mackenzie. It may possibly pay for the barrel of beef that Sherman's soldiers captured, if you can get a relief

soldiers captured, if you can get a relief bill through Congress making an appro-priation for that purpose; but it will never pay for the twenty-nine barrels the In-dians atc."

dians are.

"Then there is only one hundred dollars due me, and that isn't certain. After all Mackeszie's travels in Edrope, Asia,

wanted to get out of paying for the beef.

"Yes, certain death. It has been to the lithian Years and the steel pen behind her steel pen

"That is sufficient, sir. I have heard of you before. So take your infamous beet contract out of this establishment. The Iuterior Department has nothing whatever to do with the subistence for the army."

I went away. But I was exasperated now. I said I would hund hem; I would lifest every department of this in liquitous. Government till the contract business was settled. I would collect the bill or iall, as my predecessors, trying. I assistled the Postmoster General; I besieged the Agricultural Department; II waylaid the Speaker of the House of Representatives. They had nothing to do with army contracts for beef. I moved upon the Commissioner of the Patent Office.

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The Left in your soft glauces; you wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the to wish to marry her—but your hend—here is the to wish to marry her—but you are poor. Here, hold out your hand—here is the wish to marry her—but your hand—here is the to wish to marry her—but your hand—here is the to wish to marry her—but your hand—here is the to would he happy! This is all I know about the great beef contract that has created so much talk in the community. The clerk to whom I bequested it died. I know about the great beef contract that has created so much talk in the community. The clerk to whom I bequested it died. I know about he great beef contract that has created so much talk in the community. The clerk to whom I bequested it died. I know about he great beef contract that has created so much the contract hat has created so much the contract that

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Wheeling Wholesale Market.

OFFICE DAN'T INTELLIGENCES, Wednesday, July 8.

owners - 35@35c per pound. Fancy, \$3 35, \$3 75 and \$4 25; plat CRESS.—The market is still active, but price

GROCERIES—Trade is active. We quote: Cuffee

—Good Rio is quoted at 33%@34c; prime to
choice at 326,35c; java at 85c; best roasted
at 29c; old yellow Rio, none in market
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of	Dried beef, per lb 20
	Sansage meat, per lb.
k	Lard per lh
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	Mackerei, per lb
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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. "Were you not present, then?"
"Which you can see by my hair. I was New York Money and Stock Market.

New York July 8,-Money-21 per cent; prime mercantile paper 51a7 per

STEELING EXCHANGE—Heavy at \$4 861 a\$4 87 for sixty days and \$4 89a4 891 to sight.
Gold-1092s109; Opening and clos-

Gold—103gs1034. Opening and clos-ing at these prices respectively. Carrying rates 1a24 per cent, closing at 34 per cent. Clearings \$49,000,000. Qustom receipts \$394,000. Treasury disbursements \$533,-

GOVERNMENTS-Firm and in good de

United States 6s of 1881, coupons STATE BONDS-Dull.

and lower, with the lowest prices current at the close, the decline for the day rang-

and decreasits's travels in Europe, Asia, and America, with that beef; Allef all his trials and tribulations and transportation; after the slaughter of all those infocunts that tried to collect that bill. Young man, why didn't the First Controllar of the Cora-beef Division tell me this?"

"He didn't know anything about the genuineness of the claim."

"Why didn't the Becond tell me? why didn't the Third? why didn't all those divisions and departments tell me?"

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"Yes, certain death. It has been to the statement of the day range and regular and very alow, but it is very regular and very alow, but it is very certain."

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Chicago Market.
CHICAGO, July 8.—Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Demand active and prices advanced; No. 2 spring \$1 13a 1 14a; closed at \$1 18a 1 1 a spot; rejected 95c. Corn—Demand fair and prices advanced, closed firm; No. 3 mixed 60a 60a closed spot; 60a 60a celler July; closed at 60a buyer July. Oats—Demand active and prices advanced; No. 2, 45a 46a spot; 44a couper July. Rye—Scarce and firm, \$1 85 bid. Barley—Dull and nominal. Pork—Demand active and prices advanced, \$19 00. Lard—Demand fair and market firm, \$11 35a 11 37a spot and seller July. Whisky—Steady and in moderate demand, 94a. mand, 941c.

New York Market. New York Market.

Naw York, July 8—Cotton—Dull at 174c. Flour more active; quotations unchanged. Wheat—A shade firmer; lair demand; No. 2 spring \$1 30a1 83; ungraded Lowa and Minnesots spring \$1 28 at 38. Barley, Rye and Malt—Unchanged. Corn—Good demand; western mixed 76477c; high mixed and yellow western 764477jc. Oats—Firmer; mixed western 604614c; white 63s60c. Hay, Hops and Groseries—Unchanged. Whisky—Steady at 99c.

Cincinnati Market. Ciacinnati Market.

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Cincinnati, July 8.—Cotton—Duli at 164c. Flour—Duli out unchanged. Wheat —Firmer at \$1 29a1 28. Corn—Quiet at 65a65c. Oats—Steady at 47a50c. Rye—Firmer at 90c. Barley—Duli and nominal. Mess Pork—Active at \$19 194a 19 37½. Lard—Demand active and prices advanced to 104a12c. Bulk Meats—Firm; ahoulders 64c; clear rib sides 94; clear sides 94a94c. Bacon—Demand fair and market firm at 74a74c. Whisky—Steady at 94c.

Battimore Market.

Baltimore, July 8.—Flour—Steady and unchanged. Wheat—Dull and lower: Ohio and Indians \$1 80a1 40. Corn—Firm, 77a78;c; Oate—Active at 68a72c. Rye—Firmer; \$1a1 10. Pork—Scarce at \$19 12\$; Bulk Meats—Firmer; shoulders 7;a92c; clear rib 10a10\$;c. Bacon—Active; ahoulders 8c; clear rib 11c. Lard—12\$c. Butter—Fair demand, 23a25c. Coffee—Unchanged. Whisky—Unchanged.

New York Dry Goods Market.
New York, July 8.—Business was only moderately active in a few departments. Cotton goods in steady demand for low and medium brown and bleached makes at steady prices. Whiting's Ville 4-4 bleached shirtings reduced to 11½ by agents. Dark prints more inquired for, Americans 10c. Cloths, cassimeres and worsted coatings in iair request.

Philadelphia Market. Prilladelphia Market.
Prilladelphia Market.
Prilladelphia, July 8.—Flour—A little more active; superfine \$3 50a4 10.
Whest—Very dull. Corn—Steady at 79a 80c. Oats—Steady at 60a67c. Provisions—An improved demand. Pork—\$10 00 Shoulders in salt—72c. Lard—12a12\$c.
Whisty—931c. Whisky-984c.

Toledo Market.

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Dull but unchanged. Corn—Demand active and prices advanced; high mixed 644c; seller August and September 644c; low mixed 64c; no grade 61c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2, 50c; Michigan 51c.

Cleveland Market. Cleveland Market.
CLEVELAND, July 8.—Wheat—Steady;
No. 1 red \$1 23; No. 2 \$1 15. Corn—
Quiet at 70271c. Oats—Quiet at 52255c.
Petroleum—Quiet; standard white car lots
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